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Title: A Probe Assembly for Detecting an Ion  
in a Plasma Generated in an Ion Source  
Filed: September 27, 2001  
Inventor: Victor M. Benveniste  
Attorney Docket No.: ETE-025

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith for filing in the above-identified application the following:

1. Response to Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application (in duplicate);
2. Executed Declaration, Petition and Power of Attorney (4 pgs.);
3. A check for \$130.00 for filing, claim and surcharge fees due;
4. Copy of the Formalities Letter; and
5. Prepaid Acknowledgment Postcard.

Please charge any necessary fees to our Deposit Account No. 12-0080. The undersigned requests any extensions of time necessary to respond. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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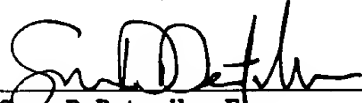
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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice To File Missing Parts of Application dated October 25, 2001 in connection with the above-referenced patent application, we enclose (1) an executed Declaration, Petition and Power of Attorney in the above-referenced patent

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application, (2) a check in the amount of \$130 to cover the surcharge, and (3) a copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts.

Please charge any additional fees and credit any overpayments associated with this correspondence to Deposit Account No. 12-0080 and, for this purpose, we enclose a duplicate copy of this response. If there are any questions, please call the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
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